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January Birthdays

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

- 2 **Susan Cortez**
- 3 **Mateo Verduzco**
- 11 **Ever Daniel Ramos**
- 13 **Augustus Williams**
- Yurem Aleman**
- 15 **Mary Kramer**
- 20 **Melanie DeLuna**
- 23 **Pamela Amarillo**
- Diosis Cortez**
- 24 **Nina Gendron**
- 31 **Steven Goellner**
- Juan Garces**

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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Mass Intention



Our Parishioners

Póngase en contacto con Elizabeth para programar una misa o si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor, den intenciones de misa al Padre.

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-3,

7-10

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11



Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Steven Goellner; Mary Frances Kramer, Nina Gendron & family, Esther Zepeta

Please contact the office with updates.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 20-21-Office Closed



St. Richard Catholic Church

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www.strichardscatholicchurch.org

117 Laurel Street, Emporia, VA 23847

We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

Mission Statement:

We, the Church of Saint Richard, have been anointed by Jesus Christ to continue His Mission. For us to participate in the mission of Jesus, we are challenged by the Gospel to a daily conversion to God, leading to spiritual growth and holiness. We invite others to join us at the Eucharistic table. Mindful of our neighbors, we will work to bring about a just and peaceful society. At every opportunity, we will work with other faith communities to further God's Kingdom.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta

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Rectory: 434-636-7782

Business Manager:

Elizabeth Martin

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Liturgical Schedule

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday: 12:00 pm at SVMC

Weekend Masses:

Saturday—1:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—10:30 am

Rosary:

Wednesday—11:45 am at SVMC

Sunday—10:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sunday—10:00 am

Pastoral Council—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Finance Council—Janet McKenzie: 614-579-8185

Religious Formation—Anayeli Verduzco-Rios: 434-368-8141

Music Coordinator— Rocky Rodriguez; **Assistants—**Ramis Celedonia; Jeromil Enoc

Altar Ministry—Stevie Thomas: 434-634-6713

Family Service Advisor—Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

The Baptism of the Lord—January 12, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is

reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus,

another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

El Bautismo del Señor

Estudio de las lecturas

Antecedentes de la lectura del Evangelio Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

Hoy celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Juan el Bautista dirigirse a la confusión de la gente que pensaba que Juan podría ser el Mesías. En respuesta, Juan contrasta el bautismo que realiza con el bautismo que Jesús inaugurará. Juan el Bautista dice que ha bautizado con agua, pero que alguien vendrá y bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. El tipo de bautismo que Juan llevó a cabo todavía no era un bautismo cristiano; era una preparación para el Bautismo Cristiano a través del cual se perdonan los pecados y se recibe el don del Espíritu Santo. El bautismo de Jesús

se relata en cada uno de los tres evangelios sinópticos: Mateo, Marcos y Lucas. Claramente, fue un evento de gran importancia para Jesús y para la comunidad cristiana primitiva. Marcos y Lucas relatan la historia desde la perspectiva de Jesús; la voz del cielo se dirige a Jesús. Compárese esto con el Evangelio de Mateo, en el que la voz del cielo habla a todos. En Lucas, sin embargo, el Espíritu Santo descende sobre Jesús durante su tiempo de oración después de su bautismo. A través de su Evangelio, Lucas mostrará a Jesús como una persona de oración que se retira regularmente de las multitudes y de sus discípulos para rezar a su Padre. El bautismo de Jesús es considerado una manifestación de Dios en Jesús,

otra "epifanía". En este, el último día del tiempo de Navidad, nuestro Evangelio nos revela la relación de Jesús con Dios: el hijo de María y José es también el Hijo de Dios. En el Evangelio de Lucas, los tres miembros de la Trinidad se manifiestan aquí: Dios el Padre en la voz, el Espíritu Santo que descende y Jesús el Hijo. Al comienzo de su Evangelio, Lucas nos comunica información importante sobre la identidad de Jesús. En los versículos que siguen, Lucas enumera la genealogía de Jesús, rastreando la ascendencia de Jesús hasta la primera persona, Adán, quien también se identifica como el hijo de Dios. Nosotros, los hijos de Adán y Eva, somos hechos de nuevo hijos de Dios a través del Bautismo.

PARISH NEWS

Parish registration demonstrates financial commitment.

Providing regular offerings at the weekly Mass by using the offering envelopes after registration demonstrates a financial commitment to the Church on a weekly basis. It is important to emphasize, however, that registering at the parish does not require a parishioner to give financial contributions; nor are individuals expected to provide large contributions.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Father Jong needs people to attend the Mass at the hospital on Wednesdays at noon. Please speak with Father if you can commit to regularly attending the Wednesday Mass as he cannot say Mass without someone present.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

El registro parroquial demuestra un compromiso financiero.

Proporcionar ofrendas regulares en la Misa semanal mediante el uso de los sobres de ofrendas después de la inscripción demuestra un compromiso financiero con la Iglesia semanalmente. Es importante enfatizar, sin embargo, que registrarse en la parroquia no requiere que un feligrés haga contribuciones financieras; Tampoco se espera que los particulares aporten grandes contribuciones.

Los formularios de inscripción se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

El padre Jong necesita que la gente asista a la misa en el hospital los miércoles al mediodía. Por favor, hable con el Padre si puede comprometerse a asistir regularmente a la Misa de los miércoles, ya que no puede decir Misa sin que alguien esté presente.

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$817.31	\$1,379.75 \$562.44
Spanish Mass 01/04:	\$75.75
Solemnity of Mary:	\$345.00

	Actual
Building Fund:	\$379.00

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 5th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

READERS	E. MINISTER	USHERS	SERVERS
Mary Anne Newsome	George Seif	Elizer Carillo	Jesus Ramirez
Elsie Moleno	Janet McKenzie	Dave Thomas	Vanessa Ramirez
			Allison Castro

Next Week's Cleaning Group

Ramis Celedona	Belinda Baron
Pee Jay Andres	Mary Joy Lerdon